

**Transit Center At
Manas International
Airport,
Kyrgyz Republic**

Important Dates:

- 1 Jan: New Year's Eve
- 9, 16, 23, 30 Jan: Kyrgyz Bazaar
- 2, 7, 16, 23 Jan: Kyrgyz bands play
- 5 Jan: Kyrgyz-Russian-Slavic University Basketball game
- 12-15 Jan: Comedian Visit
- 27-29 Jan: American Football Cheerleaders visit



TRANSIT CENTER REPORT

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

As the new year begins, we have much to look forward to. One thing that we at the Transit Center are looking forward to is building new partnerships and strengthening old ones with the Kyrgyz. During December, there were many strides to build new and grow older partnerships. American doctors were able to share the operating room with fellow Kyrgyz



**Kyrgyz and American
doctors operate
together**

doctors at Kung-kunbei hospital. This was a great opportunity to share knowledge and build friendships. Both Kyrgyz and American doctors learned from each other and worked together to care for the same patient.

Commenting on the language difference, Dr. Aaly Turdumambetov. "Even though we speak different (national) languages and sometimes use different techniques, the job is almost the same because our goals are the same."

Recently, a special US bomb disposal team came to teach the Kyrgyz and US military. The purpose of the training was to show new techniques in bomb disposal.

Another partnership that is blossoming is between the US and Kyrgyz security forces. Here, the two groups work to train police

dogs.

In the future, these dogs



**Kyrgyz students watch a
demonstration of a
Kyrgyz-US trained dog**

will aid in the security at the Transit Center or other parts of Kyrgyzstan.

Building partnerships is a key goal of the Transit Center. Our relationship with the Kyrgyz is one that is based on respect and working together. Still, there are many things that we can learn from each other.

The men and women of the Transit Center look forward to building and strengthening Kyrgyz-US relationships in 2010!



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS...

Colonel Holt and Transit Center Airmen visited the Bishkek School for the Deaf. They were treated to a wonderful New Year's dance and show. Everybody enjoyed the show and it was a great opportunity to see the young children perform for the holiday. On the 13th, Airmen from

the Transit Center and troops heading to Afghanistan learned about Kyrgyz culture. During the event, people were treated to komuz playing, yurt building, traditional dancing, and more. This was a way for people to experience Kyrgyz culture right here at the Transit Center.

Despite being far from home many Transit Center personnel volunteered their free time to visit orphanages and schools. Across the area, Kyrgyz and Americans shared in the spirit of the New year holiday!

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Transit Center Airman and Kyrgyz Law Academy instructors play volleyball at the academy.



A new hat is fitted in the "Warm & Dry" Campaign



Fun, games, and the holidays!

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

PROGRAMS

- Donated 10 new computers & 4 color laser printers to School for Deaf Children
 - Also donated 125 mattresses to this same school
- Donated 84 desks & 20 night stands to the Nizhanchuisk Village
- Donated 20 desks, two dressers & three wall lockers to Jani-Pachta Village
- Donated 21 desks, three dressers & two wall lockers to Visilievka Village
- Donated and installed 45 new heaters at the Jani-Jer Vocational School
 - This project was a part of our "warm and dry" campaign

VOLUNTEERS

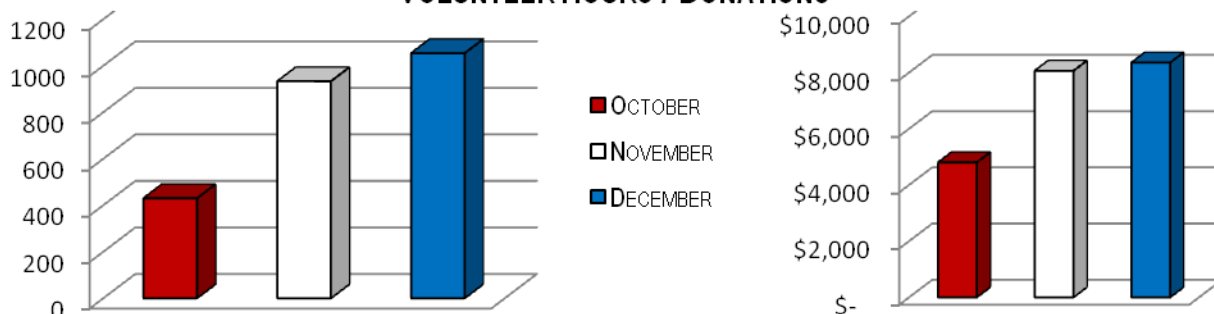
- Donated and installed plastic at the Visilievka Kindergarten School
- Met with WW 2 veterans, donated clothing, groceries and toiletries
- Donated sports equipment to the Mramornoye Village School
- Visited Belovodosky Orphanage, donated clothes, toys and jackets
- Donated computer, software, 2 DVD players and school supplies
 - Handed out 60 bags of hats, scarves, gloves and boots
- Visited Children's Cancer Center, donated winter coats, blankets & winter supplies
- Visited Nadjeshda School, donated toys and dug a new latrine
 - Also donated two sleds, box of toys and school supplies
- Donated uniforms and school supplies to the Ak Jol School

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- Transit Center physicians participated in surgery at Besh-Kungei military hospital
- Bush-Kungei military surgeons assisted with surgery at the Transit Center
- Kyrgyz medical residents shadowed physicians at the Transit Center Clinic
- Transit Center taught emergency trauma care to physicians from Bishkek & Osh
- Dentist from Transit Center assisted on cases at the Kyrgyz MOD

BY THE NUMBERS: VOLUNTEER IMPACT FOR DECEMBER

VOLUNTEER HOURS / DONATIONS



ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Many people that come to the Transit Center do not have the opportunity to enjoy trips into Bishkek or the local area. So, we have been working to bring the local area to them.

In December, two new initiatives were started. First, we sought new vendors to sell in our market area. We are looking to expand the number of vendors that sell Kyrgyz products. These will be things that people who work at the Transit Center and those who are transiting through will take advantage of when they are here.

Also, the popular Saturday bazaars are being expanded. Now, Kyrgyz retailers will be able to sell every

Saturday, not just twice a month. This will give more vendors the opportunity to sell their products and more opportunities for Transit Center personnel to buy the products.

As these new initiatives begin, we continue to expand our Kyrgyz produce buying. Bread products, vegetables, and fruit are served in both dining areas on the Transit Center. Every week, our excellent Kyrgyz chefs prepare traditional Kyrgyz dishes like plov and beshbarmak. Personnel looking forward to trying these well-prepared local dishes and is another way that we learn more as we experience the Kyrgyz culture.



Transit Center personnel tear down an old hangar to prepare the ramp for construction and expansion

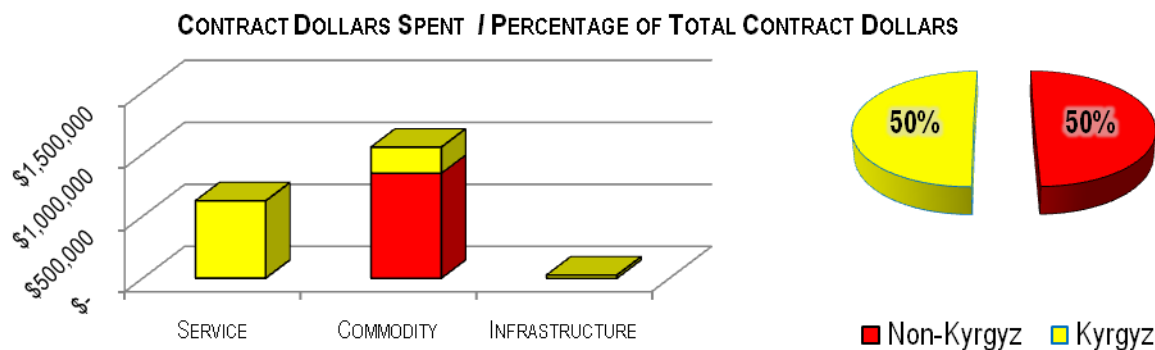
CURRENT INITIATIVES

- Women's Shelter goes out for bidding before the end of January
 - Multiple Kyrgyz contractors expected to bid on contract
- Expanding number of Kyrgyz bands to play at the Transit Center
- Kyrgyz/Central Asian cultural classes begin 1 Feb at Transit Center
 - New partnership with American University of Central Asia
- Solicitation in progress for Dining Facility renovation project
- Remote parking ramp design planning to go out early January
 - Expect bidding/construction to proceed in the spring
- Utilities, installation, additional lighting, and personnel center are projects that are in progress and run by Kyrgyz companies



Building Partnerships—Kyrgyz and US soldiers pose in front of a special bomb disposal robot.

BY THE NUMBERS: CONTRACT DOLLARS SPENT FOR DECEMBER



ECONOMIC IMPACT



<u>Direct Expenditures</u>	FY 2009	FY 2010 (Year to Date)
Payment to Kyrgyz Govt - Dip Note	\$26,620,000	\$15,000,000
Payment to Manas International Airport (MIA)**	\$22,999,039	\$9,324,600
Contributions to Airport Improvements	\$30,600,000	
Contributions to Kyrgyz Aeronavigation (KAN)		
Contracts Awarded	\$24,601,908	\$6,237,542
Govt leases (non-MIA)	\$81,562	\$145,585
Programmatic Humanitarian Assistance	\$700,000	\$22,725
SubTotal Direct Expenditures	\$105,602,509	\$30,730,452
<u>Indirect and Charitable Expenditures</u>		
Estimated US Military local spending	\$1,037,530	\$327,198
Estimated charitable projects/donations	\$1,010,201	\$24,110
Subtotal Indirect and Charitable Expenditures	\$2,047,731	\$351,308
Total Economic Impact	\$107,650,240	\$31,081,760
* Based on US Fiscal Year: 1 October to 30 September; ** Airport Fees, land leases, contracts)		

64% increase in the amount of contract dollars paid to Kyrgyz firms from November to December.

THE TRANSIT CENTER EXPERIENCE

